



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 7022***

*January Session, 2001*

***AN ACT CONCERNING BIRTH OUTCOMES AND THEIR RELATION  
TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       (a) There is established a task force to study the relationship  
2       between domestic violence and poor birth outcomes. The study shall  
3       include, but not be limited to, a collection and analysis of information  
4       from various sources including battered women's centers, hospitals  
5       and health care providers concerning the risk of infant mortality, birth  
6       defects and other poor birth outcomes due to domestic violence during  
7       pregnancy, and an examination of programs and services that could  
8       reduce the incidence of such poor birth outcomes and improve child  
9       health and development.

10       (b) The task force shall be comprised of fifteen members as follows:  
11       The Child Advocate or the Child Advocate's designee, the Victim  
12       Advocate or the Victim Advocate's designee, the Commissioner of the  
13       Office of Health Care Access or the commissioner's designee, the Chief  
14       Court Administrator or the Chief Court Administrator's designee, the  
15       executive director of the Commission on Children, the executive  
16       director of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, a  
17       representative of the Connecticut Women's Consortium, a  
18       representative of the March of Dimes, a representative of the  
19       Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and six members  
20       appointed one each by the president pro tempore of the Senate, the

21 speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the  
22 Senate, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the  
23 minority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of  
24 Representatives.

25 (c) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to  
26 the General Assembly not later than February 6, 2002, in accordance  
27 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**LM**        *Joint Favorable*

**PH**        *Joint Favorable*